

re Nobel Prize

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Dear Jo:

I was especially pleased to receive your gracious telegram.

To tell you the truth, in principle, I am not altogether in favor of personal accolades of this kind but there were two circumstances that make this a more pleasant occasion than it might have been: One, the happy association with Beadle and Tatum, and two, the fact that it came as such an utter surprise, my never having given the possibility a moment's thought. In any case the award comes at a most propitious time for the focusing of attention on the role of genetics in medical science.

Are you planning to revisit Stockholm to attend the ceremonies?

As ever,

Joshua Lederberg

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